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Poloff followed up with the foreign ministry's director of political affairs Weiner Jean Baptiste on the reftel demarche delivered April 17 requesting that Haiti communicate support for the joint U.S.-CARICOM statement concerning the Initiative to Combat Illicit Trafficking in Arms (CITIA). Jean Baptiste said he had prepared a note for the Foreign Minister Jean Renald Clerisme to send to the CARICOM Secretariat and would ensure that the GoH had indeed sent it.

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Haiti fully supports the initiative, and would be willing to produce a bilateral agreement on the issue. However, Jean Baptiste added, countries should address region-wide problems at a regional level.

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